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Sub:- Constitution of a Committee in North Kanara District to make proper survey of forest land suitable for cultivation or otherwise.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

ORDER NO.AFD 79 FGL 62

BANGALORE, DATED, THE 25th FEBRUARY 1963
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It has been brought to the notice of the Government that there is a large demand for the release of forest land for cultivation by the landless people in North Kanara District. The forest area in North Kanara District covers nearly 70% of the total area and nearly 90% in some of the taluks. Hence, it is felt desirable to release a few thousand acres of forest land for cultivation to ameliorate the conditions of the poor and landless people in this District.

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i) which are fit for cultivation;

ii) which were once under cultivation and which have become fallow on account of Malaria and other deadly diseases; and

iii) lands which cannot be cultivated.

In order to achieve the above object, it has been found necessary to constitute a Committee consisting of the following officers:-

1) District Forest Officer - (Chairman)
2) The Assistant Commissioner or his nominee.
3) The President, Taluk Board.

The main functions of this Committee are to determine particularly in the taluks of Mundgod, Sirsi, Haliyal and Siddapur where vast compact blocks in forest area are available with adequate water supply where the agricultural colonies and Cooperative Farming Societies can take up this work. The Committee may also prepare a list indicating the area situated in the interior parts of forest which if released for cultivation will entail various other problems like

communication and other civic amenities that will have to be provided by the Government.

3. The above Committee will confine its work purely to find out the land suitable for cultivation and will not in any way bind the hands of the Forest Department in the matter of sending recommendations for forest land nor will they have any authority to distribute the land and take any final decision with regard to the disforestment of such lands.

4. It is hoped that when a proper survey in these forest lands is made, it will be helpful in making proper recommendations for the release of land not only for Cooperative Farming Societies and Colonies but also in the case of individuals who can take up cultivation and other agricultural operations in these places.

By Order and in the name of the
Governor of Mysore,

T S Ramaiya 23/2/63
(T.S. RAMAIYA)
Under Secretary to Government,
Agriculture & Forest Department.

To

The Chief Conservator of Forests in Mysore, Bangalore.

The Deputy Commissioner, North Kanara.

The Divisional Commissioner, Belgaum.

The Heads of Departments.

All Departments in the Secretariat.

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By Order and in the name of
the Governor of Mysore,

Under Secy. to Govt.,
A&F Dept.

To
The C.C.F.
The D.C. N.Kanara
The Divl.Commr.,Belgaum
The Heads of Depts.
All Depts. in the Secretariat,
Weekly Gazette.

RN. P.S. to Minister for Coop.

/Draft Govt. Order/

Constitution of an Official Committee in North Kanara District to make proper survey of forest land suitable for cultivation or otherwise .

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

ORDER NO. AFD 79 FGL 62 25 FEB 1963

Dated: Bangalore

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iii) lands which cannot be cultivated.

In order to achieve the above object, it has been found necessary to constitute a Committee consisting of the following officers:-

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ii) President of the Taluk Board,
iii) Block Development Officer,
iv) District Agricultural Officer, and
v) District Forest Officer - CONVENOR.

The main functions of this Committee are to determine particularly in the taluks of Mundgod, Sirsi, Haliyal and Siddapur where vast compact blocks of forest area

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No.B3-10-57/60.

Office of the
Chief Conservator of Forests
in Mysore, Bangalore.

Dated, 24 December, 1962.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Agriculture and Forest Department,
Vidhana Soudha,
Bangalore.

MYSORE GOVT. SECRETARIAT * (HOTTOM)
No. 30
26 DEC 1962
AGRL. & FOREST DEPT. (TAPPAL SECTION)

Sir,

Sub:-Release of Forest land in North Kanara District - Minutes of the Minister for Co-operation and Development.

Ref:-Your letter No.AFD 79 FGL 62 dated 8-11-1962.

According to the Government Resolution No. FDM 1054 dated 28-1-1955, an area of 22,506 acres of Forest land in North Kanara District has been notified by this Department to the Deputy Commissioner, North Kanara as available for grant for cultivation, fruit cultivation etc. The Deputy Commissioner, North Kanara is disposing these areas. Government in their order No.AFD 6 MRP 58 dated 19-5-1958 have further liberalised the policy, and according to which the Forest land applied for cultivation particularly where the area is adjacent to already cultivated area or very near to it and within the vicinity of habitated village, may be granted by the Deputy Commissioner, North Kanara with the concurrance of the Forest Department irrespective of the fact whether the areas asked for are notified or not. In the circumstances it may not be necessary to constitute a Committee in each taluk comprising of the Asst. Commissioner, President of the T.D.B., B.D.O., etc. However, according to the instructions contained in Government circulars No. AFD 123 FGL 61 dated 16-11-1961 and RD 83 LAD 61 dated 7-3-1962, the Revenue Department is stated to have prepared the list of Forest S.Nos. in all the taluks of North Kanara District except Supa and Honvar taluks. This Department will have to verify and give opinion regarding disposal of these S.Nos. It is difficult to dispose of these cases with the existing staff. Hence the Conservator of Forests, Belgaum has promised to submit proposals for extra staff in this connection. However in the meanwhile the Conservator of Forests is being asked to dispose of the cases within the time prescribed in the Government Circular.

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L to finalise the list of lands available for cultivation.

Yours faithfully,

Chief Conservator of Forests.

1. District Forest Officer (Chairman)
2. The Asst. Commissioners or his nominee,
3. The President, Taluk Board.

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Signed by.....

I am directed to forward ~~[illegible]~~ an Extract from ~~Order thereon~~ Minutes of the Mr for Co-op & OW, & to request Govt to offer their remarks to Govt on the suggestion made in the last para of the minutes. The

May this be—

(i) printed?

(ii) treated as a Standing Order?

(iii) published in the Gazette, English Part?

(iv) translated?

(v) placed at the disposal of the Press?

(vi) published in the Gazette, Kannada Part?

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1) District Forest officer (Chairman)

2) The Asst Commissioner or his nominee

3) The President, Taluk Board ~~Development~~

25 Hence instead of the five officers indicated in the draft G.O, only the above three will be inserted in the place indicated at 'A' in Para 2 of draft G.O and ~~the~~ the Block Development Officer and Agricultural officer will be omitted.

The G.O already approved will issue with this modification after the Concurrence & confirmation of the Minister for Forests.. Since a copy of the G.O when issued will be sent to P.S. to Min (Coop) also it is for orders whether it is necessary to mark the file to Min. (Coop) before issue (Vide Para 22 of N.7).

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26 ~~D.S.~~ JSR 9/2/63

27 Secy. for kind perusal and orders on 'A' 13.2

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28 Minister for Forests

V. C. HOMBALAYYA,
Secretary to Government, Forest Department,
Agriculture & Forest Department.

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B. RACHAIAH,
Minister for Forests,
Fisheries and Sericulture,

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on Ad hoc one and the function of which is restricted to find out lands suitable for cultivation, will not in any way bind the Forest Department. I purposely suggested the Taluk Board President be included in the Committee, so that there may not be any complaints that the officials have not taken public interest into consideration. I wish to make it clear that this arrangement will only be in respect of North Kanara District and the Committee I have suggested will not have any authority to distribute the lands nor will they take any final decision with regard to the disforestment of such lands. This action is overdue and I have, therefore, suggested that the Committee of Assistant Commissioner, D.F.O, President, Taluk Board and B.D.O. be constituted immediately on the lines suggested in my Minute No. M. 224 dated 22nd October, 1962. Action may be taken accordingly.

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(Ramakrishna Hegde) 5/1

Hon. Minister for Forest. 18) I agree with Hon'ble Minister for Cooperation and action may be taken accordingly

RR 10/1/63

B. RACHAIAH,
Minister for Forests and Fisheries.

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19) Take further action accordingly 10.1.63

20) A draft Govt. Order appointing a Committee on the lines suggested by the Minister for Co-operation in paras 1 to 4 and 17 & 18 of n/f is put up for approval which may kindly be banned by the Cabinet also.

(T.S.Ramaiya) 28/1/63
Under Secy. A&FD

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Secy. Minister for Forests

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21) The Draft is approved

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S. (AFF)

B. RACHAIAH,
Minister for Forests,
Fisheries and Sericulture.

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22) Ref: para 21 n/7.
Before issue the Hon'ble M (Dev., & Co-op) may kindly peruse the G.O.

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23) JR
8/2/63.

Secy.

24) File is withdrawn from D.S's office in view of the instructions issued by the Minister for Forests today (8-2-63) and note continued as per instructions.

The Minister for Forest was pleased to state that the personnel of the Committee indicated in Para 2 of the Draft G.O under issue may be restricted to three officers only as noted below, since the matter pertains primarily to Forest land - Survey etc :-

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Constituting any Committee for this purpose. He has stated that it is difficult to dispose of these cases with the existing staff and has added that instructions have been issued to the Concerned staff to dispose of the lands with in the time fixed by Govt. circulars.

12 This file may be submitted to the Minister (7) with reference to his minute dated 24-10-62

A Para 4 of N.7. The suggestion at Para 4 of N7 can be ~~[illegible]~~ decided perhaps after discussion at a meeting with the Concerned officers and Minister for Corp also.

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13) DS 31.12.

V. [illegible],
Deputy Secretary,
[illegible] Department.

Secy.

14) For kind orders on "A"

Secy (A&F)
V. C. PRABHAKAYYA
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15) M (Forests) The file may be referred to Hon'ble Minister for Co-operation with reference to his minute

BR 3/1/63

B. RACHAIAH,
Minister for Forests and Fisheries.

16) S. (A&F) Submitted to M (Corp) for kind perusal

Secy (A&F)
V. C. HOMBALAYYA,
Secretary to Government,
Agriculture & Forest Department.

M (Corp)

DEPUTY SECRETARY TO GOVT. AGRICULTURE & FOREST DEPTT. NO. 29166 31 DEC 1962

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17. I am sorry, my suggestion has not been properly understood. I did not suggest to have a Committee at the Taluk level for distribution of Forest lands. What I had suggested was that a proper survey of forest lands suitable for cultivation should be made in North Kanara District. It is true that the Forest Department gave a list of lands which they considered could be released for cultivation. But the Deputy Commissioner, North Kanara, has stated more than once that these lands were not fit for cultivation for various reasons and people were not prepared to have these areas. Thousands of acres of fertile cultivated lands, became fallow on account of economic depression and wide spread malaria, influenza etc. 40 to 50 years ago. This could be verified from the statistics available with the Revenue Department.

18. Now during the last 10 years the population which was progressively on the decrease in the previous 4 decades has been increasing. There is a great demand for lands for cultivation. In Mundgod, Sirsi, Haliyal and Siddapur Taluks vast compact areas are available with adequate water supply where we can have Agricultural Colonies and Co-operative Farming Societies. Therefore, my suggestion was to find out such areas in North Kanara District, particularly in these 3 or 4 taluks, which are best suited for bringing under plough again. The list prepared by the Forest Department consists of lands mostly situated in the interior parts of forests which if released for cultivation will entail various other problems like communication and other civic amenities that will have to be provided by the Government. The appointment of such Committee, which will be purely on

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D. No. 8453/62

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'ccf for his comments on the suggestion made in the last para'

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Letter No.B3.10-57/60 Dt. 24th Dec. 1962 from the C.C.F.,
D.No. 10279/62.

7) P.U.D. is for perusal. According to the Govt. Resolution No. FDM-1054 Dt. 28-1-1955, an area of 22,506 acres of Forest land in North Kanara Dt. has been notified by the Forest Department as available for grant for cultivation and the D.C., North Kanara is ~~dos~~ disposing of the areas as per rules in vogue. Govt. in their order No. AFD 6 MRP*58 Dt. 19-5-1958 have further liberalised the policy - according to which, the forest land applied for cultivation particularly, where the area is adjacent to already culti -

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vated area or very near to it and within the vicinity of habitated village may be granted by the D.C., with the concurrence of the Forest Department irres - pective of the fact whether the areas asked for are notified or not.

In view of this, the C.C.F., feels that it may not be necessary to constitute a Committee in each Tq. comprising of the Asst.Commr., President of the T.D.B. B.D.O., etc., to finalise the lists of lands available for cultivation. (8)

Also, according to the instructions contained in Govt. Circulars No. AFD 123 FGL*60 Dt. 16-11-1961 and RD 83 LAD@61 Dt. 7-3-1962, the R.D. is taking action to prepare the list of Forest SlNos., in all the Tqs., of North Kanara District except Supa and Honnavar Tqs., and the Forest Department will have to verify and give opinion regarding the disposal of these S.Nos.However, according to the Circulars referred to above, the CCF is taking necessary action to dispose of the cases within the time prescribed in the Circulars referred to above. 9)

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AS desired by the Hon'ble M(~~Co-op., and Dev.,~~ Forest) vide para 4 n/f, may be submitted to the M(Co-op., and Dev.,) for perusal. 10)

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The reply of C.C.F (P.U.D) with reference to the Minute of the Minister for Cooperation is for kind perusal. The C.C.F has indicated the various agencies that are now working for speedy disposal of Forestland released in the North Kanara Dt. and he is not in favour of 11) dated 22nd Oct 62

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Minister for
Co-operation and Development.

MINUTE

Dated 22nd October, 1962.

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STAFF

C.C.F for his comments on the suggestion made in the last para

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It was represented to me during my recent tour in North Kanara District that there was a very large demand for the release of Forest lands for cultivation by the landless people and from the insufficient land holders. During the last two decades, the population in this district has vastly increased. The people are now coming forward to cultivate forest lands which were once thought to be uncultivable. The demand for releasing forest lands for cultivation is so great now that the time has come for taking a policy decision in this respect. The forest area in North Kanara District covers 70% of the total area and nearly 90% in some of the taluks. Therefore, releasing a few thousand acres of forest lands for cultivation will not in any way affect the Forest Revenue appreciably.

Recently, Government had issued a Circular asking the Forest officers to release Forest lands for cultivation. But, no tangible result has been achieved. This is mainly because, the lands released for cultivation are unfit for the purpose. Therefore, it is necessary to make an all-out effort to bring under the plough large areas of forest, which are fit for cultivation.

It would be desirable, therefore, to have an intensive survey made in regard to the lands really fit for cultivation and to prepare two lists, The first list giving details of Forest lands which were once under cultivation and which have become fallow on account of Malaria and other deadly diseases and the second list giving details of forest lands which though not previously

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under cultivation can now be cultivated profitably. It is desirable also to have a Committee in each Taluk, comprising of Assistant Commissioner, President of the Taluk Board, Block Development Officer, The District Agricultural Officer. and D.F.O. who should go round ~~and~~ examine these lands and finalise the lists. It would be desirable to take advantage of this survey to have cooperative Farming Societies wherever large chunks of forest lands are available for cultivation.

4) The Hon'ble Minister for Forest may please examine these suggestions and issue a comprehensive circulars embodying the above proposals, ~~and~~ Action taken may kindly be intimated.

(Ramakrishna Hegde)

The Hon'ble Minister
for Forest, w/cs.